

A POEM.

They sang a hymn, and Nelson smiled at it, and all his long hair bristled and it...

LONDON'S GREAT CLOCKS.

The Immensity of Big Ben and the Law Courts' Timepiece. How many of those who look up at the figure of Nelson will believe that the statue of "our greatest sailor" is three times as tall as a living man?

Every one knows how impossible it is to fix the distance of a ship at sea or a fire on a dark night, when the contrast of the light with the surrounding darkness brings the vision near though the eye may be miles away.

Statistics of the Country Publisher. Here is a little old straight from the shoulder talk about matters lying near to our heart.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION. People get to like a soul, but a satisfactory hat makes an impression at first sight.—John Oliver Hobbes in "The Soul Hunters."

It is a fundamental law of a happy and useful life that we must keep sweet, for bitterness perverts the judgment and corrodes the heart.—Charles Froese in "The Loom of Life."

Fortunately, emotions primitively barbarous are not indicated by external labels or marks in the street would be fraught with strange discoveries.—Anthony Hope in "The Intrusions of Peggy."

There is no corrosive like wounded egotism. It eats into the moral nature, corrupting its victim, destroying all sense of proportion and blinding him to everything save his own passionate longing for reprisal.—James Creelman in "Eagle Blood."

Wasp's Method of Attack. Belt in his "Naturalist in Nicaragua" draws attention to the methods of attack used by different species of wasps.

Red Color in Battle. The number of soldiers slain in battle depends a great deal on the color of their uniforms.

Philosophy Ancient and Modern. "Epictetus said all philosophy lies in two words, 'restraint' and 'abstain'."

Helpful Hubby. Wife—I wish you would let me know what sort of a dinner to have tonight.

Thoroughness. "When I do anything," said the young man, "I believe in doing it thoroughly."

Nothing Doing. Canvasser—I've a book here I'd like to show you.

Assumed at the Altar. Tess—She's traveling under an assumed name now.

For the Good of the Service. Clara—He gave me an army and navy kiss.

Maud—What kind is that? Clara—Oh, rapid fire! Sixty a minute—Smart Set.

HOW TIME IS MADE.

Uncle Sam Regulates His Clocks by One of the Fixed Stars. Strange as it may seem, Uncle Sam does not make use of the sun for reckoning time, but he turns his attention to some of the regular steady going stars, or "fixed stars," as they are called.

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MAN'S LITTLE TOE. A Dentist Declares That It Is Doomed to an Early End.

Recent scientists assert that the small toe of the human foot will be crowded out of existence by the end of the present century. Such is the view of ophthalmologists generally and of physicians who have given the matter more than passing consideration, says the Philadelphia Press.

Just as, according to Darwin, the tail was crowded out of the human body skeleton many ages back because it had no useful functions to perform, just as the vermiform appendix, the only apparent function of which is to necessitate dangerous and expensive operations, will eventually find no place in human anatomy, so, according to present indications, the little toe must ultimately disappear altogether.

Whether or not the big toe is all that is supposed in walking and running is a question which has not yet been satisfactorily answered, but the fact remains that athletic instructors and coaches have universally striven to develop the big toe at the expense of the other toes in the training of fast runners and football players, and to that end the shoes have been made so narrow that any possibility of using the little toe has been precluded.

Between the modern method of walking and the wearing of tight fitting shoes the little toe is doomed to an early end.

TRAPPING ERMINE. Different Methods for the Full Grown and Baby Animals.

The colder the climate the finer the fur, says the author of "The Greatest Fur Company of the World" in Frank Leslie's Magazine, and the difficulties of obtaining the rare furs are many.

Ermine is at its best when the cold is most intense, the tawny wend coat turning from fawn to yellow, from yellow to cream and then to snow white, according to the latitude and the season.

Fox, lynx, marten, otter and bear the trapper can take with steel traps of a size varying with the game or even with the clumsy but efficient deadfall, but the ermine, the fur of which is as easily damaged as the finest gauze, must be handled differently.

The hunter going the rounds of his traps has need of a keen eye for the dots and dashes of the telegraphic alphabet. There are little prints scattered into one another in a dash, there a dead spot, where the quick-eyed scout has passed, with body erect, feet spread and rabbit hole again, a clear track on the snow, where the ermine has been, has left the light surface and wrinkled forehead like a snake, to dart up with a plunge of his fangs into the heart blood of the unwary snow bunter.

From the length of the leaps the trapper judges the size of the ermine. The full grown ermine has hair too coarse to be damaged by a snare. If, therefore, the tracks indicate a full grown animal, the trapper suspends the nose of a looped twine or wire across the runway from a bent wire, which, when released, springs upward with a jerk that lifts the ermine off the ground and strangles it.

If the tracks are like the prints of a baby's fingers, close and small, the trapper hopes to capture a pair of a three-week old. Perfect fur would be made by the twine snare, so the trapper devises as cunning a death for the ermine as the ermine devises when it darts up through the snow and fixes its speckle teeth in the throat of a rabbit.

First he secures his hunting knife with grease; then he lays it across the track. The little ermine comes trotting in dots and dashes and gallops and dives to the knife. The knife is frosted like ice. Ice the ermine has licked, so he licks the knife. But, alas, for the resemblance between ice and steel! Ice turns to water under the warm tongue; steel turns to fire that blisters and holds the foolish little stoat by his inquisitive tongue, a helpless prisoner, until the trapper comes.

Her Idea of It. "Do you believe in short engagements?" "Yes, indeed, and lots of them!"—Detroit Free Press.

THE DOMAIN OF DESPAIR.

That Awful Great Basin Between the Rockies and the Sierras.

There are various kinds and degrees of deserts in this country, but the most utterly hopeless are found in the so-called Great Basin between the Rockies and the Sierras. This is a vast region of deserts, with here and there an area where nature in prankish mood seems actually to have made an effort to produce spectacular effects of horror.

From the Wasatch mountains to the Sierra Nevada extends a ghastly stretch of territory which is intersected by a series of high mountain ranges running parallel north and south, with valleys between.

A bird's-eye view of the landscape shows three principal ranges, two of which are known as the Amargosa and Panamint, and between these is Death Valley, so called because it is the very abode of death.

Imagine a narrow strip of arid plain shut in between two mighty mountain walls, the peaks stretching up 10,000 feet into a burning sky. The surface of this plain, which is 175 feet below sea level, is a mere crust of salt and alkali, through which a ridden horse breaks up to his knees into a horrid paste than cats both hair and hide.

A gray haze that never lifts makes everything indistinct and puzzling to the view. No vegetation is to be seen save a very scanty sagebrush, with leaves that are not green, but gray, and here and there a sort of cactus that grows to five or six feet in height, with extended branches. It is called the "dead man" because in the night each stalk looks like a corpse by the way-side.

But the supreme horror of the place is the heat, which is unspeakable. There is a breeze, but it is so scorching hot as to blister your face. Streams flow from springs down toward the valley, but never reach it, because the heat dries them up on the way.—Saturday Evening Post.

IMPROVED ON NATURE. A Point That Won a Lawsuit For William McKinley.

A year or two after William McKinley had begun the practice of the law at Canton, O., he distinguished himself in a humorous fashion in one of his first successful cases. As often happens in court, the humor was not merely for the sake of the joke, but for serious purpose. Mr. Edward T. Roe in "The Life Work of William McKinley" tells the story.

The case was a suit against a surgeon, whom the plaintiff charged with having set his leg so badly that it was bowed. McKinley defended the surgeon and found himself pitted against John McSwaney, one of the most brilliant lawyers of the Ohio bar.

McSwaney brought his client into court and had him expose the injured limb to the jury. It was very crooked, and the case looked bad for the surgeon. But McKinley had both his eyes open, as usual, and fixed them keenly on the other man's face.

As soon as the plaintiff was turned over to him he asked that the other leg should also be shown. The plaintiff and McSwaney objected vigorously, but the judge ordered it done. Then it appeared that his second leg was still more crooked than that which the surgeon had set.

"My client seems to have done better by this man than nature itself did," said McKinley, "and I move that the suit be dismissed, with a recommendation to the plaintiff that he have the other leg broken and then set by the surgeon who set the first one."

Needlessness may not be one of the seven deadly sins, but could the perpetrator offend witness the result of his act a whole list of casualties would become obsolete. A little Italian boy, lightly clad, was recently helping to sort out bottles from a city dump-heap.

In trying to remove a stopper from a condensed milk jar he accidentally broke the glass, and a powerful acid poured down his side. The child fell screaming to the ground, terribly burned. He will be crippled for life. The person who, after finishing some experiment or process, emptied the capful of luscious looking acid in the bottle and threw it into the ash barrel "didn't think."—Youth's Companion.

The Only Exception. "Such a humanity consideration, you say?" "Yes, indeed; even in the smallest details of life."

"Able to resist any sort of a temptation?" "Unquestionably."

"Has she ever been to Europe?" "The champion of woman looked startled."

"Oh, well," he said, "of course, if she had a chance to sumpage a few gowns into the country, why—why—that's a different matter."—Chicago Post.

The Eyes and the Temper. There are experts on the eyes who hold stoutly to the theory that troubles in vision often cause serious lapses from a well ordered life among children and that disobedience, ill temper, cruelty, wanton destructiveness and hysterics are frequently due among youngsters to aberrations and to ailments which affect the sense of sight.

Such a theory may appear to be carried so far as to be almost a fad, yet there may be something in it.

The Anchor. "Sailors are awful forgetful, ain't they?" asked little Elsie.

"Why, what makes you think that?" inquired her papa.

"Because every time they leave a place they have to weigh their anchor. If they weren't forgetful, they'd remember the weight."—Exchange.

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Lost—Saturday night, January 24, in Ocala, dark bay filly, five years old, part of mane hangs on one side of neck and part on the other, white spot on forehead, wire cut near between fetlock and hoof on one hind leg, clean place on back near shoulder. A reward of \$20 will be paid for recovery. Address R. J. Cain, Shady, Fla. 2-6 71

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NOTICE.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed under Section 8 of Chapter 488, Laws of Florida.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Robt. Bullock, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 373, dated the 27th day of August, A. D. 1899, has filed said certificate and whereas the following described property situated in Marion county, Florida, to-wit:

Commencing in the chains west of a part of a chain south of north east corner of section 14, township 35, range 23, thence read 100 feet north 50 feet, west 20 feet south 10 feet.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Mrs. John F. Walton.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will be issued thereon on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1903.

Witness my official signature and seal this 1st day of January, A. D. 1903.

(Seal) S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk Circuit Court Marion County.

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, in Clamery.

J. Walter Hood, Complainant, vs. Eliza Hood, Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED TO APPEAR to the bill of complaint filed herein against you in the above entitled case on or before

Monday, the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1903. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Ocala Banner, a newspaper published in Marion county, Florida.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 20th day of January, A. D. 1903.

(Seal) S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk Circuit Court. R. B. BULLOCK, Complainant's Solicitor.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS In matter of estate of Julia P. Johnston, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO CREDITORS, legatees, distributees and all persons having claims or demands against said estate to present the same to the undersigned within two years.

This the 27th day of January, 1903.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL CREDITORS, legatees, distributees and all persons having claims or demands against said estate to present the same to the undersigned within two years.

This the 31st day of December, 1902.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION Department of the Interior, Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., February 2, 1903.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk Circuit Court of Marion County, Fla., on

Monday, the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1903. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Ocala Banner, a newspaper published in Marion county, Florida.

W. C. ROBINSON, Assessor.

I will hold the following places at the time stated, to receive returns of real and personal property and agricultural report as the law requires.

FEBRUARY, 1903.

Kendrick, Monday 2 a. m. North, Monday 2 p. m.

Lowell, Tuesday 3 p. m. Keith, Tuesday 3 p. m.

McIntosh, Wednesday 4 a. m. Central, Thursday 5 a. m.

Pennington, Friday 6 a. m. Fairfield, Friday 6 p. m.

Shady Grove, Monday 9 a. m. Santos, Monday 9 p. m.

Boyleview, Tuesday 10 p. m. Summerfield, Wed. 11 a. m.

Candler, Thursday 12 a. m. Ocklawaha, Thursday 12 p. m.

Eastlake, Friday 13 a. m. Weirsdale, Friday 13 p. m.

Bradley, Saturday 14 a. m. Lantana, school house, Sat. 14 p. m.

Moss Bluff, Monday 16 a. m. Electra, Monday 16 p. m.

Lynn, Tuesday 17 a. m. Grahamville, Tuesday 17 p. m.

Connor, Wednesday 18 a. m. Salt Springs, school house, Thursday 19 a. m.

Kerr City, Thursday 19 p. m. Eureka, Friday 20 a. m.

Daisy, Friday 20 p. m. Ft. McCoy, Saturday 21 a. m.

Anthony, Monday 23 a. m. Sparr, Tuesday 23 a. m.

Greenwood, Tuesday 23 p. m. Citra, Wednesday 25 a. m.

Orange Springs, Thursday 26 a. m. Ocala, Fri. and Sat. 27 and 28.

The law requires all returns to be made by the first of April.

ALFRED AYER, 116 Tax Assessor Marion Co.